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1. ON DECEMBER 3 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS THE REFERENCED DRAFT RESOLUTION ON A CHAIR ON "NON-ALIGNMENT" FOR THE UN UNIVERSITY. US DELEGATION MADE STATEMENTS ON BASIS OF REF C. SIMILAR STATEMENTS QUESTIONING APPROPRIATENESS OF THE RESOLUTION AND STRESSING THAT THE DECISION RESTED WITH THE UNIVERSITY COUNCIL WERE MADE BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NETHERLANDS, FRANCE, AND CANADA. JAPANESE DELEGATION MADE A MILD AND AMBIGUOUS STATEMENT WHICH REFLECTED CONCERN FOR EVENTUAL FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS RATHER THAN PRINCIPLE. POLES ANNOUNCED THEY SUPPORTED THE RESOLUTION.

2. IN COURSE OF EXTENSIVE CONSULTATION PRIOR TO MEETING, IT BECAME CLEAR THAT NEITHER UNUN AUTHORITIES NOR THE JAPANESE HAD ANY WILL TO OPPOSE THE RESOLUTION. MISSION WAS INFORMED BY UNU OFFICE THAT OFFICIAL POSITIOON OF UNIVERSITY IN TOKYO,
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BASED ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM RECTOR HESTER (TRAVELLING IN TAN-

ZANIA) WAS TO EXPRESS UNIVERSITY'S INTEREST IN NON-ALIGNMENT AS AN ASPECT OF THEME OF "PEACE," REAFFIRM THE UNIVERSITY'S AUTONOMY, AND TAKE NO STAND ON THE RESOLUTION. JAPANESE CHARGE EXPRESSED STRONGLY TO US REP MYERSON THE "DON'T ROCK THE BOAT" THEME ADVANCED BY SEVERAL OF HIS SUBORDINATES EARLIER. SRI LANKAN REPRESENTATIVE, WHO HAD INTRODUCED RESOLUTION, WAS QUITE DEFENSIVE IN AN INFORMAL DISCUSSION WITH US AND CANADIAN REPS EARLIER IN MEETING, AND WAS REMINDED BY THEM ABOUT DIFFICULTIES IT MIGHT CAUSE IN OBTAINING ASSISTANCE FOR THE UNIVERSITY. THIS MADE NO IMPACT, HOWEVER, AND THE RESOLUTION WAS FORMALLY PUT UP FOR ADOPTION WITHOUT VOTE.
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